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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Zhen, et al.  
APPLICATION No.: 10/038,964  
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FOR: **METHOD OF MAKING A GRADED  
INDEX POLYMER OPTICAL FIBER**

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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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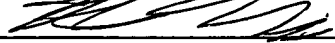
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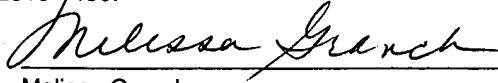
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